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SAN ANTONIO BUSINESSMAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Ralph G. Diaz announced today the arrest and indictment of Richard Walter Fleming, 43 years old, of San Antonio, Texas, for Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography.

Fleming was arrested by FBI Agents during the early morning hours of March 8, 2007, after which search warrants were executed on Fleming's residence, computers, and office. Fleming has been charged with two counts of possession of child pornography and one count of receipt of child pornography. If convicted, Fleming faces a mandatory minimum of five years up to a maximum of forty years in federal prison and a maximum \$750,000 fine.

Guided by the leadership of the Attorney General, Project Safe Childhood (PSC) aims to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children. The threat of sexual predators soliciting children for physical sexual contact is well-known and serious; the danger of the production, distribution, and possession of child pornography is equally dramatic and disturbing. The response to these growing problems must be coordinated, comprehensive, and robust. It must aim to investigate and prosecute vigorously, and protect and assist victimized children. At the same time, it must recognize the need for a broad, community-based effort to protect our children and to guarantee to future generations the opportunities of the American dream.

This case is being investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Moore.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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